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More of the High-Church Catechiſm. On the Refuſal of the Portugueſe *Miniſtry to let their Army join that of King* Charles *in* Spain.

From Wedneſday, October 25. to Saturday, October 28. 1710.

Countrym. SHALL I go on with the Jacobite High-Church Catechiſm that I begun with laſt time, Maſter?

Obſ. Do if you pleaſe, *Roger*, for the Party wants Inſtruction.

Countrym. The 21ſt Q. *How ſhall we do to avoid the Imputation of Hypocriſy which the Whigs charge us with, in preaching up Unlimited Paſſive-Obedience and Non-Reſiſtance, ſince our Party, as they ſay, did actually reſiſt the late King* James?

A. Deny it ſtoutly; we have an excellent Pattern to follow, *viz.* the *French* Jeſuits, who deny that the Proteſtants were ever perſecuted in *France*.

22 Q. *But will not that make the People turn upon us, when they hear us deny that which every one knows to be matter of Fact?*

A. Never fear, a Lye; for a good Cauſe is meritorious, and will be amply rewarded. We can't have a better Inſtance of that, than Dr. *Sacheverel*, who is not only become the Idol of the Mob, but careſs'd by D——s, M——s, E——s, L——s, and above all by the *L——s* for telling that L—e ſo boldly from the Pulpit. You know that at the very firſt daſh he had no leſs than a L— M——r, and a K——t B——t for his Patron; and when call'd in queſtion for it, had a K———t and D. D's to ſtand by him, and raiſe Mobs for him; ſo that he has got more for preaching of L——s, than half the honeſt Clergy of the Kingdom have done for preaching Truth. But to eaſe you of all Scruples on that Head at once, it muſt be done, for our Cauſe wants it.

23 Q. *But how ſhall we be ſecur'd againſt the Reſentments of the young Gentleman at* St. Germains, *when he comes over; for he knows it to be true? His Mother has told him, I'll warrant you, a thouſand times, that ſhe was forc'd to ſcour off with him in her Lap, and that his Father was oblig'd to follow them as faſt as he could.*

A. Don't let that trouble you, he has as much Clemency at leaſt as Dr. *Sacheverel*, to forgive thoſe who inſulted him, and has a great deal more Reaſon, ſince we condemn the Practice to the bottom of Hell; and as a Proof of our being penitent for it, and aſham'd of it, have the Honeſty to deny it.

24 Q. *But will that do? We are afraid that, notwithſtanding all the fair Promiſes the Court of* St. Germains *make us now, they will want Mony when they come over, to pay the* French *King for their Lodging and Diet; and the hungry Courtiers, who have been kept ſo long at ſhort Allowance, will want Eſtates and Forfeitures, and make that a handle to get them.*

A. You muſt not indulge ſuch idle Conceits; but if it come to the worſt, we can turn it upon the Whigs and Falſe Brethren, 'twas they did it, not we; and their Eſtates ſhall pay for it.

25 Q. *But how ſhall we do to ſecure our Church againſt the Prieſts and Popiſh Biſhops that muſt come over with the Pretender; they have been kept out of their Rights, as they call it, above a hundred and fifty Years, and will then plead to have them reſtor'd?*

A. The Letter from *St. Germains* ſecures us againſt that; for inſtead of having the Rights of our Church diminiſh'd, we ſhall have them enlarg'd, and not be any longer kept under the Yoke of the Crown's Supremacy, which you know our High Church has ſo long complain'd of as Sacrilege, and a more than *Egyptian* Bondage. It ſhan't be then in the Power of Parliaments to call Prieſts to an account for their Doctrine, or any thing elſe: Our Holy Father the Pope will ſecure us againſt that.

26 Q. *But how can we expect any ſuch Favour from the Pope, who accounts us Hereticks?*

A. That's only the Low Church and Diſſenters: The Court of *Rome* had always a better Opinion of High-Church; they know well enough that we are the Offspring of thoſe Papiſts that always went to Church, as the *Romaniſts* generally did, till the Pope forbad it out of ſpite to Q. *Elizabeth*. Beſides, you know that the Church of *Rome* diſpens'd with the late King *James*'s profeſſing himſelf a Proteſtant for a long time, as they did with his Brother King *Charles* II. all his days, if we may believe the Papers found in his ſtrong Box. You have alſo heard, by the Letter from *St. Germains*, the Directions of which are ſo exactly follow'd by our Friends, that the Pope will allow King *James* III. to profeſs himſelf a Proteſtant, that he may the better promote the Intereſt of the Church of *Rome*: ſo that we have nothing to fear on that Head.

27 Q. *At that rate we muſt all turn Papiſts; and does not that endanger our Salvation?*

A. No, no: Don't you know that Epiſcopacy is infallibly preſerv'd under Popery; and has not our High-Church plac'd all their Religion and Salvation in that? Has not the moſt learned Mr. *Dodwell*, our Champion, told us (and you know that he's an *Iriſh* Evidence whom you may truſt) that 'tis Epiſcopal Ordination, and Baptiſm perform'd by virtue of that, which makes Souls immortal, and capable of Eternal Salvation. Has not our other *Iriſh* Evidence and Champion Mr. *Leſley*, laid down a Method of Reconciliation betwixt our Church and the Church of *Rome*, in his *Regale and Pontificate?* where he tells us, that the Faith of both Churches is the ſame. In order to that, has he not propos'd a Correſpondence betwixt our Church and that of *France*, and that we ſhould own the Pope's Supremacy as much as that Church does? Has not he, and others of our High Churchmen advanc'd the Popiſh Doctrine of the Sacrament's being a Sacrifice? And did not the Pope offer our Patriarch Archbiſhop *Laud* a Cardinal's Cap? All theſe things make it plain, that the Church of *Rome*, and our High Church Party, have a very good Underſtanding. And you ſee the Papiſts join'd with our Mobs for *Sacheverel*; a Popiſh Lady and her Daughter went to receive his

his Bleſſing at *Hampſtead*, that day when he was affronted by the Gentlemen as you have heard of; and you ſee that profeſs'd Papiſts, and thoſe who have Popiſh Wives, and breed their Children in that Religion, vote for us on all occaſions: ſo that we are in no danger from the Church of *Rome*, ſince we are prepar'd to meet her above half way.

Countrym. I muſt break off the High-Church Catechiſm till another time, Maſter: Here's ſtrange News from *Portugal*, by Letters from *Lisbon* of the 24th inſtant *S. N.* which ſurprizes me.

Obſ. What is it, *Roger?*

Countrym. The *Portugueſe* Miniſtry refuſe to let their Army join that of King *Charles* in *Spain*, tho their own Ambaſſador and General who are with that Prince have earneſtly preſs'd it, tho the King of *Portugal* order'd it, and made his General march accordingly, and ſent word to King *Charles* that he would join him by way of *Menda* and *Truxillo*; but inſtead of performing his Promiſe, after poſſeſſing himſelf of a Place of no defence, he retir'd again to the Frontiers of *Portugal*, on pretence that 4000 of the Enemies Horſe were in his way, tho it does not appear that the Enemy had any Force on that ſide to give him the leaſt cauſe of Apprehenſion. The *Portugueſe* General and Ambaſſador above-mention'd wrote to him again, and General *Stanhope* did the like to the Earl of *Galway*, preſſing that he might join him at the Bridg of *Almaraz*, where he would be ready with 4000 Horſe to attend him, and ſhew'd the Neceſſity and Importance of it: but all to no purpoſe. The *Portugueſe* Miniſtry would not hear of it, tho all the Confederate Miniſters at that Court made joint Application to the King that he would order it. Nay, they would not ſo much as allow the Forces in the Queen's Pay to be ſent to General *Stanhope*, tho he preſs'd for it, tho all the Confederate Miniſters urg'd it, tho the Secretary of our Embaſſy left there by the Earl of *Galway* offer'd to ſupply them with Proviſions and Mony, and tho it was repreſented again and again that the Refuſal of it might fruſtrate all King *Charles*'s well-laid Deſigns and Efforts; his Majeſty being oblig'd to leave Bodies of Troops in ſo many places, that it was not thought ſafe for him to purſue the Duke of *Anjou*, who had retir'd to *Old Caſtile*, to gather together what Forces he cou'd: But Providence ſeems to favour us, for thoſe Letters ſay that a Detachment of our Army, ſuppos'd to be that commanded by General *Stanhope*, has defeated a ſtrong Detachment of the Enemy at the Bridg of *Almaraz*, and that his Catholick Majeſty's Army is marching againſt that of the Duke of *Anjou*, tho the *Portugueſe* continue immovable. Pray, Maſter, give me your opinion of this piece of News.

Obſ. We have had repeated Complaints for a long time, *Roger*, of ſuch Management in *Portugal*. There's no body ever doubted the Honeſty of the late and preſent King of that Country, but they have the Unhappineſs of a ſtrange ſort of Frenchify'd High-Church Miniſtry. This is a plain proof of it; ſo that Men of that kidney ſeem to be in a Conſpiracy all over *Europe* againſt our common Liberty. In the mean time, this is ſuch a flagrant Inſtance of Treachery and Baſeneſs, as the whole Confederacy, and particularly our Queen, ſeems engag'd in Honour and Intereſt to reſent againſt the *Portugueſe* Miniſtry. It can't be reckon'd an undue Interpoſition, for Princes join'd in Alliance againſt a common Oppreſſor, to remonſtrate againſt any of their Members employing ſuch Men as are unfaithful to the joint Cauſe. This is a Right which the Alliance gives to every one of its Members over another; and ſince all the Confederate Miniſters at the *Portugueſe* Court are Witneſſes of it, there's no doubt they will repreſent it in ſuch a manner to their High Principals, as to have it redreſs'd.

Countrym. I dread the Conſequences of it to K. *Charles*, Maſter, and that if he loſe *Spain* a ſecond time, it will ſcarce be poſſible for him to make a third Attempt to recover it. This News will pleaſe no body among us, but profeſs'd Jacobites, and ſuch as have abjur'd the Pretender, but not forgot him: They that ſo barbarouſly treated General *Stanhope* at home, will be glad to hear of his being thus diſappointed abroad; as they are at all the Misfortunes of the Allies, and at every Advantage that's gain'd by the *French*.

Obſ. The High-Church of *Rome* is as much an Enemy to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, *Roger*, as the High-Church of *England* is to the Revolution, and thoſe who ſtand up for it: It deſerves our Obſervation, that both thoſe Churches cry out of Danger at one and the ſame time, and play to one another's hands. However, as the Common Cauſe of the Confederacy is that of God againſt Tyranny and Oppreſſion, we have no reaſon to doubt the Iſſue. In the mean time, there's ground to hope that the Troops which our Government is ſending to *Portugal*, will arrive in time to prevent the ill Conſequences of this ſtrange Management of the *Portugueſe* Miniſtry, and remove all their pretended Excuſes for want of Ability; or if they perſiſt in their Treachery, to enable the Confederates to do themſelves Juſtice. This is but a very ſorry Requital for the great and well-paid Subſidies the *Portugueſe* have from *Great Britain*, beſides what they have from the reſt of the Allies. Their refuſing the Queen's Troops to her own General, when the Safety of the Confederate Army under K. *Charles*, and the Recovery of the *Spaniſh* Monarchy depends upon it; is ſuch an unaccountable thing, as we want words to expreſs it.

Countrym. I make no doubt but her Majeſty and thoſe in the Adminiſtration will do all that's poſſible to prevent the ill Conſequences of it, Maſter. Her Majeſty has ſo frequently expreſs'd her Reſolution to hear of no Peace till the entire *Spaniſh* Monarchy be reſtor'd to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, and her Parliaments have ſo cheerfully concur'd with her in it, that we have all the ground in the world to expect the utmoſt Efforts of the Nation to ſecond her Majeſty's generous Intentions, and to enable her thro God's Aſſiſtance to puſh on the War with ſuch Vigour on that ſide, as to bring it to a ſpeedy and happy Concluſion: for except *Spain* and the *Weſt-Indies* be recover'd, we have fought theſe twenty years for nothing, and muſt ſit down with the Loſs of all our Blood and Treaſure, and at once bid farewel to our Liberty, Trade and Religion; for if the Family of *Bourbon* retain the *Spaniſh* Monarchy, they will quickly be able to put all *Europe* in Chains, and to impoſe Popery and Slavery upon us by their Tool of a Pretender. Therefore I hope when the Parliament meets, her Majeſty, as ſhe has always done hitherto, will be enabled to take ſuch Meaſures as may prevent the unhappy Effects of thoſe Diviſions which ill Men have rais'd among us; that the *French* may not improve 'em to the diſturbance of our Peace, or the damage of the Confederates.

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